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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Prior to 6 June 1951, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Koenigsbruecker Strasse, Dresden (N 52/F 29), which has a quartering capacity of about 2,000 men, was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. The quarters were more than 50 percent lighted at nightfall.
2. Prior to 6 June, the Grenadier Kaserne at 101 Kurt Fischer Allee quartered a headquarters and a guard unit whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. All windows of the section housing the guard unit, and about two-thirds of the windows in the main building, were lighted at night.
3. Prior to 6 June, the IG Kaserne on Koenigsbruecker Strasse quartered about 600 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About two-thirds of the windows of the installation were lighted in the evening. Except for athletics, no training activity was observed.
4. On 6 June, the Koenig Georg Kaserne on Kurt-Fischer-Allee was occupied by 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the troops had closely-cropped hair. All the windows in the two buildings facing Proschhuebelweg were lighted at night. No windows in two other barracks buildings were lighted and in a third building, only some windows were lighted. No training activity or vehicular traffic was observed. Sounds were heard from the workshops. (2)
5. Prior to 6 June, the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann quartered an undetermined number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
6. On 12 June, the AA gun emplacements in the bend of the Elbe River between Washington Strasse and Scharfenberger Strasse were still occupied. About 40 soldiers were seen in the vicinity of the emplacements. Fresh excavations near the six earth bunkers indicated that further bunkers were being built there. A canvas-covered apparatus at the emplacement was probably a ballistic director. A telephone line ran from the emplacement to the Kaserne in Uebigau.
7. On 12 June, the storage shed at the Alt-Kaditz ferry house was filled to capacity with bridge building equipment such as pneumatic rafts, girders, and planks.

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Fifteen complete pontoon bridge sections, each about 4 meters square, were stored near the shed and 10 other such sections were anchored in the Elbe River. An assault boat was moored to the small gangplank. A sergeant and two men wearing black-bordered black epaulets were guarding the equipment.

8. On 8 June, source learned that the SCC offices in Berlin-Karlshorst were allegedly to move into a building on Devrient Strasse, Dresden. Furthermore, the offices of Walter Ulbricht, including his staff, were said to move to Dresden. (3)

9. On 9 June, the Hermann Goering Kaserne and the veterinary hospital on Koenigsbruecker Strasse quartered a rear detail and, probably, a repair shop unit of about 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A tank chassis was seen moving into the installation. About 12 soldiers, some of whom wore overalls, worked on tanks in the barracks yards.
10. On 9 June, the Napola (former Nazi training school) on Koenigsbruecker Strasse was occupied by only a rear unit of about 100 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity or vehicular traffic was observed. The club and motion picture theater opposite the barracks installation were still closed. (4)

Comments.

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the Die Welt newspaper, edition of 15 June 1951, mentioned the projected removal of the GMD central secretariat from Lothringer Strasse, Berlin, to Dresden. This press dispatch is confirmed by the present report. The finance directorate for Land Saxony is located at the intersection of Devrient Strasse and Packhof Strasse. It is not known whether these reports are based on rumors as was the case in the previous years.

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